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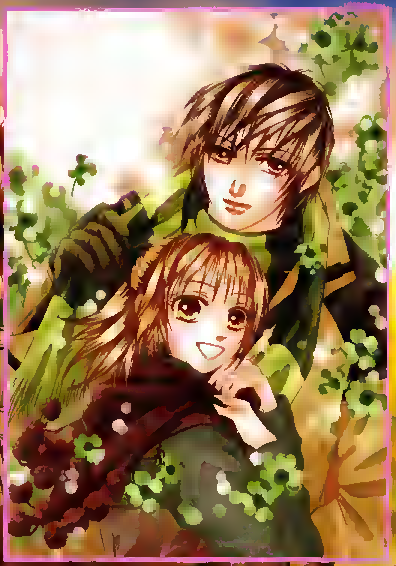

Xiao Rui suddenly confessed to You Lin, causing the Judo club another tide, and You Lin's life in an all-boy school, will become troublesome...?

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Close To My Sweetheart

The next volume will be the end of this series. I had a great time drawing the middle story. Just by drawing the draft, I can try some new feelings. I m currently working on a new work. For this new work, this is the first time I am going *out* to get some inspiration. Other than taking pictures of scenery, I could really get some new inspiration! Though the "author going out to get inspiration" is what readers think the author as taking a leave's number 1 "unbelievable reason", but traveling is really great...

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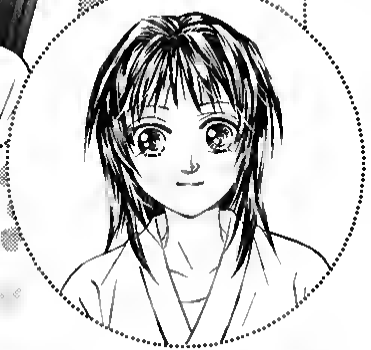
QU YOU LIN

KeeLee Girls' Senior High School, this year's Judo Champion.



YAN YA QIAO

A traditional music genius of National Keelin Senior High School, specializes in Erhu.

★ Recap of ★ Last Episode ★

Qu You Lin is a second year student of KeeLee Girls Senior High School. In order to represent KeeLee city in competition, she became an exchange student, and went to National Keelin Senior High to study. And traditional music genius, Yan Ya Qiao, went to KeeLee Girls' Senior High.

But the standards of the National Keelin Senior High's Judo Club is extremely low...and the coach is nowhere to be seen. Furthermore, the school intends to dismiss the club! In order to save the club, they will have to win at least a bronze medal in the competition.

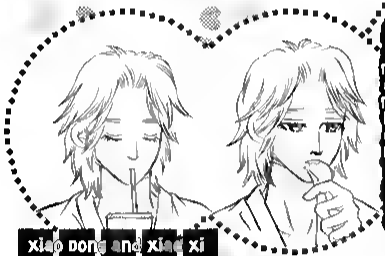
Yan Ya Qiao is a Devil King with a sharp tongue! But this makes You Lin feel for him...When You Lin and Judo club's Xiao Rui went out and bumped into Ya Qiao, she saw him with a girl..

Coach Jiang

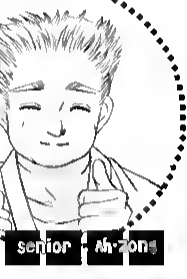
Coach for both Keelin Senior High's Judo and Tae Kwon Do Clubs.

Shi Shu Rui

Keelin Senior High's Judo club, year one member. Nickname: Xiao Rui.



Judo Club Members



Senior Ah-Dong

Xiao Dong and Xiao Xi

Twins

Xu Jian Yuan

KeeLin Senior High
Ya Qiao's classmates

Luo Sheng Li

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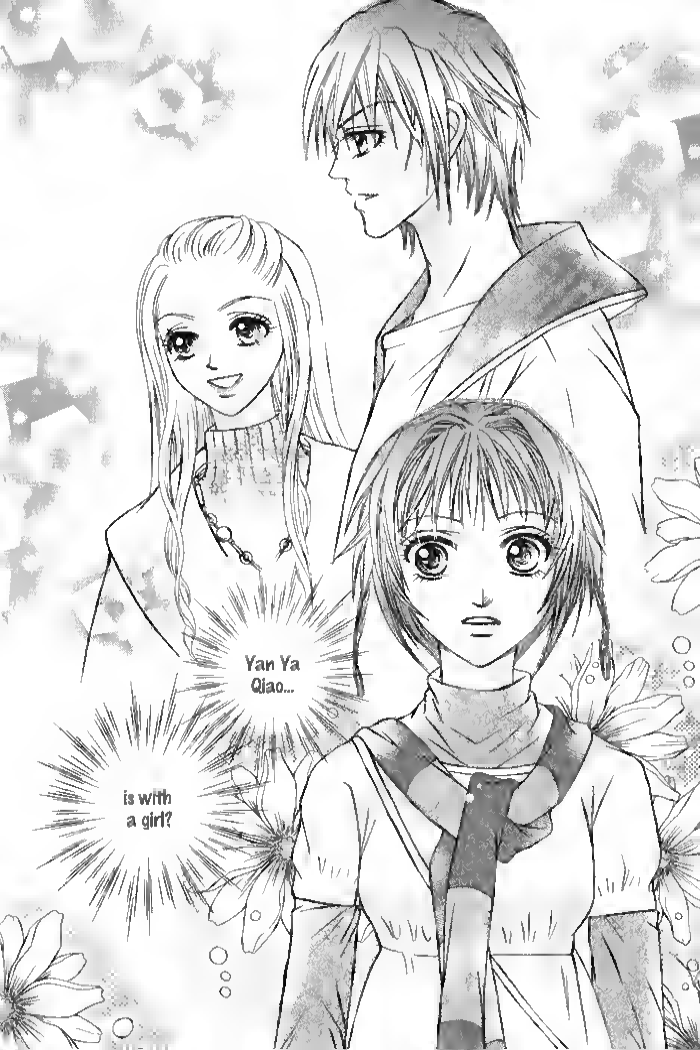
Chapter 6
A secret organization?


Yan Ya Qiao...
is with a girl?

I can't remember...
But that girl...
where have I seen her before?
AH!

(CD COVER: SHEN AN LU ERHU PERFORMANCE ALBUM)

Erhu beauty—Shen An Lu's music album! Don't miss it!
沈安璐
二胡演奏專輯
Shen An Lu, who is currently studying in KeeLee Girls' Senior High, is one of the most well-respected young musicians...
THAT'S THE GIRL ON THE ALBUM!
XIAO RUI! WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE NOW!
From the other room
WHAT?
The girl from our school's...
Erhu beauty?
They're coming to this shop, too?
Eh?

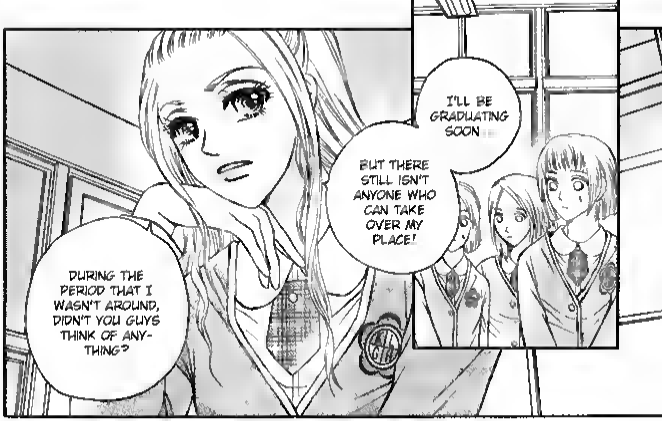
SENIOR
WHY DO WE HAVE TO RUN AWAY?
I DON'T KNOW EITHER..
AH?
it's probably
because I'm too surprised by what I've seen.
Surprise number 1... Yan Ya Qiao is actually dating a girl?
Surprise number 2...This is my first time seeing Yan Ya Qiao smiling?
Surprise number 3... I was actually panicking.
So it's better to run away!

I SAW YAN YA QIAO SENIOR JUST NOW...
SENIOR, YOU...
I'M NOT HIDING FROM HIM!
WHO HE'S WITH HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME!
Ah!
THIS... LET'S GO ELSEWHERE THEN!
IT'S OKAY! LET'S GO HOME
XIAO RU...
WE'LL BE HAVING INTENSIVE TRAINING TOMORROW, WON'T WE?
BUT...

SO SHE'S A SENIOR FROM THE THIRD YEAR'S TRADITIONAL MUSIC CLASS.
NO WONDER I FEEL THAT I'VE SEEN HER BEFORE
SHE'S THE MOST POPULAR PERSON BEFORE YOU YOU'VE BEEN IN JUDO. SO YOU DIDN'T REALIZE IT!
LAST YEAR, SHEN AN LU WON A LOT OF MUSIC AWARDS FOR THE SCHOOL!
BECAUSE OF A GUARANTEED ENTRANCE TO UNIVERSITY, SHE HAS BEEN GOING TO PERFORMANCES AND COMPETITIONS
SO SHE'S HARDLY SEEN IN THE SCHOOL I HEARD THAT SHE ACTUALLY HAS AN ALBUM!
So it's another musical genius. furthermore, she's a beauty.
that's why she's compatible with Yan Ya Qiao...
Seriously what does this have to do with me?!

That was what I thought at the time..
"What does this have to do with me?"
KeeLee Girls Senior High School
OUR "ORGANIZATION" CAN NEVER FORGIVE SUCH ACTS
IS IT HER?
SENIOR! I'M SORRY!
I DIDN'T DO IT ON PURPOSE!
DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S YOUR MISTAKE?
THAT'S WHAT EVERYONE SAYS

SFX AH--!!
Really?
ACCORDING TO OUR CONVENTION...
YOU'LL HAVE TO ACCEPT THE PUNISHMENT.
What's that ghastly cry?
SOMEONE HAS BEEN PUNISHED AGAIN
SO NOT CAREFUL
THAT ORGANIZATION IS STARTING TO GET ACTIVE!
THAT'S BECAUSE AN LU'S BACK..


I'LL BE GRADUATING SOON...
BUT THERE STILL ISN'T ANYONE WHO CAN TAKE OVER MY PLACE!
DURING THE PERIOD THAT I WASN'T AROUND, DIDN'T YOU GUYS THINK OF ANY-THING?

SHE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO IS ABLE TO MEET PRESIDENT'S RE-QUIIREMENTS.
ISN'T SHE THE ONE WHO EXCHANGED WITH YAN YA QIAO?
QU YOU LIN YEAR TWO, CLASS THREE
SECOND YEAR CLASS THREE'S QU YOU LIN? THIS YEAR'S JUDO CHAMPION?

YAN YA QIAO! SO YOU'RE HERE!
ARE YOU GOING TO TRICK ME INTO THAT PLACE AGAIN?
OH, PLEASE DON'T SAY THAT!
I WILL ACCOMPANY YOU IF YOU WANT TO SKIP CLASSES!
SO? THE THING I REQUESTED YOU TO DO?
I REFUSE
HOW ABOUT FOR ME?
NO
REALLY—

HE HE'
SO WHAT?
SHE'S IN YOUR SCHOOL RIGHT NOW.
OH YEAH, THAT QU YOU LIN WHO EXCHANGED WITH YOU.
NEEDS HER.
OUR "ORGANIZATION"...
"ORGANIZATION"?

XIAO RUI! INCREASE YOUR SPEED!
I GOT IT!
SMALLER PEOPLE HAVE TO BE FLEXIBLE!
OUR MEDAL WILL DEPEND ON HIM NOW
XIAO RUI IS SO SERIOUS!
YOU GUYS
HE!

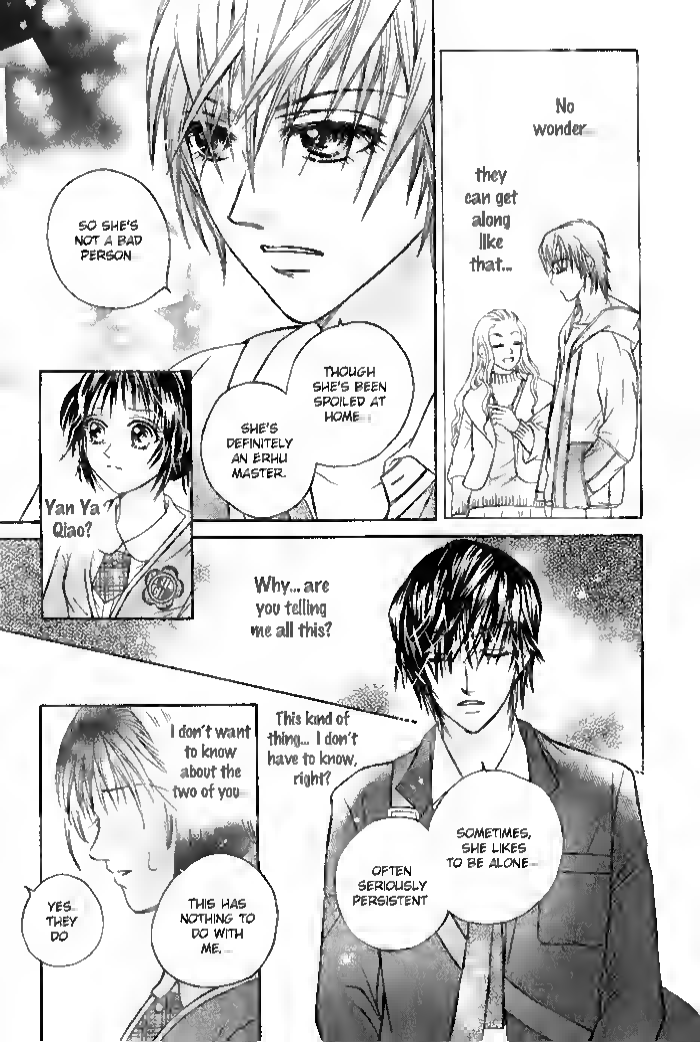
I'M HUNGRY.
HOW MUCH LONGER DO YOU NEED TO WARM-UP?
HEY, SENIOR YOU LIN! WHAT'S THE NEXT TRAINING?
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT'S THE RANK.
I WILL TRY MY BEST IN THE COMPETITION!
SINCE HE JOINED...
IT'S MY FIRST TIME SEEING HIM LIKE THIS.
THAT'S SO TOUCHING... XIAO RUI!
I DON'T KNOW WHY. BUT XIAO RUI IS GETTING MORE SERIOUS THAN BEFORE.
She's sparkling!

AH!
SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW!
STUDENT YAN YA QIAO?
I WILL ACCOMPANY YOU TO THE STATION.
EH?
REALLY?
Because... not only to protect the Judo club.
He also wanted to fulfill his dreams...
THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY!
TOMORROW WE'LL BE HAVING INTENSE WEIGHT TRAINING!

DOES SHE NEED ANYONE TO ACCOMPANY HER?
IT'S THAT GUY WHO NEEDS PROTECTION!
Accompany me to the station?
It's still broad daylight, why?
ANYWAY, I'LL GO TO THE STATION WITH YOU!
WA... WAIT!
Senior...
I CAN GO BACK ON MY OWN!
THE SITUATION IS DIFFERENT NOW.
WHY?

I DIDN'T THINK THAT...
YAN YA QIAO WOULD BECOME A PROTECTOR?
NO CHOICE THEN...LET'S GO BACK!
YES, MISS.
MAY I ASK...
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
I can ask now right?

HER NAME'S SHEN AN LU
THERE'S ONE PERSON I KNOW... FROM THE TRADITIONAL MUSIC CLASS THREE
JUST LIKE ME, SHE HAS LEARNED ERHU SINCE SHE WAS YOUNG...
I HAVE KNOWN HER FOR A VERY LONG TIME ALREADY.
So she and Yan Ya Qiao have known each other..
since they were young?


No wonder...
they can get along like that...
SO SHE'S NOT A BAD PERSON
THOUGH SHE'S BEEN SPOILED AT HOME...
SHE'S DEFINITELY AN ERHU MASTER.
Yan Ya Qiao?
Why... are you telling me all this?
This kind of thing... I don't have to know, right?
SOMETIMES, SHE LIKES TO BE ALONE...
OFTEN SERIOUSLY PERSISTENT
I don't want to know about the two of you
THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME...
YES. THEY DO

SHE SAYS...
SHE LIKES YOU
SO THIS HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH YOU
SHE WANTS YOU TO JOIN HER "UNKNOWN" ORGANIZATION
SO SHE'LL COME AND FIND YOU ANY TIME
I... I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT, SENIOR!
What organization?
SHE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT THIS
WHEN SHE LIKES SOMEONE...

BUT... NO MATTER HOW HORRIBLE THE THINGS SHE DOES...
SHE DOESN'T MEAN IT. SO DON'T MIND HER.
So...
this is what you really wanted to say...

SHE WILL DEFINITELY NOT LET GO!
EH?
ANYWAY BE CAREFUL WHEN YOU GO TO SCHOOL TOMORROW
WHO KNOWS WHAT SHE'LL DO TO YOU.

SENIOR AN LU LIKES YOU?
Because of her..
You came to find me..
THIS IS TO BE EXPECTED FROM AN ALL-GIRLS SCHOOL
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
SO AN LU IS INTERESTED IN GIRLS TOO?
A LOT OF PEOPLE KNOW...
INCLUDING THE TEACHERS...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
BUT BEING EYED BY HER IS NOT A GOOD THING

I HEARD THAT HER FAMILY MEMBERS ARE...
GANGSTERS?
EH?
ACTUALLY, YOU'RE RIGHT!
WOW!
ARE YOU QU YOU LIN?
I...

YOU MUST COME!
BECAUSE I LIKE YOU
THAT'S A SCARY FEELING
TELL THE TEACHER!
YUP!
IT'S YOU!
AH?
AFTER SCHOOL, COME TO THE GARDEN BEHIND THE SCHOOL,
I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU

Though I feel uneasy..
But I'll go and take a look!
but what if... She's going to confess?
But Yan Ya Qiao said..
An Lu doesn't mean anything bad.
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!
YOU'RE FINALLY HERE!
So I think there shouldn't be any problem?

SHE WILL BECOME THE FUTURE SUCCESSOR OF THE ORGANIZATION
YES!
EH?
Wait! What successor...?
THAT'S RIGHT! LET'S SHOW HER WHAT WE DO!
LOOK CAREFULLY. THOSE WHO DISOBEY THE RULES.
WILL BE PUNISHED.
Wait...
So...is this bullying in school?
The majority bullying the weak...
Sorry I didn't mean it!

This kind of organization.
I don't want to be part of it!
XIAO LU!
SENIOR! I.
STOP MESSING AROUND!
YOUR PERSONALITY THAT KEEPS FORCING OTHERS TO DO SOMETHING
SHOULD BE CORRECTED!
Yan Ya Qiao?
He doesn't need to come to our school today.

Yan Ya Qiao...
NO MATTER WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO DO...
DON'T INVOLVE OTHERS
DOING THESE KINDS OF THINGS IS NOT A BIG DEAL!
BUT... FOR SOMEONE I LIKE...
I BELIEVE THAT YOU'LL AGREE WITH ME!
FOR SOMEONE YOU LIKE.
YOU'RE WILLING TO DO ANYTHING!
I... I totally don't get it!

ANY YOUNG INNOCENT GIRL
WOULD DEFINITELY BE CHARMED BY HIM...
Innocent girl? Charmed?
IT'S ALEX, THE KING OF ASIAN POP!
ALEX
I LOVE HIM THE MOST!
SO FAR, HE'S THE MOST WELCOMING SINGER!
SUCH AN ATTRACTING STAR..

WHO WOULDN'T LIKE HIM!
IT'S TOO BAD THAT THE SCHOOL'S TOO OLD FASHIONED AND DOESN'T ALLOW US TO FORM A SOCIAL CLUB...
IN THE END, OUR FAN CLUB CAN ONLY BE KEPT IN THE DARK.
I WON'T ALLOW ANYONE TO DO ANYTHING DISAPPOINTING TO ALEX!
AS I AM THE PRESIDENT,
PEOPLE WHO DOWNLOAD SONGS ILLEGALLY CANNOT BE FORGIVEN!
I'M SORRY! I'M WILLING TO ACCEPT THE PUNISHMENTS! TO NOT BE FORGIVEN!
AH
YOU HAVE TO SING ALEX'S SONG A 100 TIMES!
SO THAT'S THE SOURCE OF THE GHOSTLY CRIES...
Is this even considered singing?

YOU LOVE ALEX, RIGHT?
I LOVE HIS SONGS THE MOST!
AND I... AM NEVER WRONG...
QU YOU LIN...
LATELY, ALEX WANTS TO HAVE AN EASTERN STYLE OF MUSIC.
AND HE WANTED TO WORK WITH YA QIAO!
REALLY?
BUT THAT FELLOW ACTUALLY REFUSED
NO MATTER HOW MUCH I BEGGED HIM!
SUCH A STUBBORN PERSONALITY...
WHO DID I COME HERE FOR?!
THAT'S RIGHT...

PLEASE SHOW ME YOUR GUIDANCE!
ANYWAY I'M FROM TRADITIONAL MUSIC, CLASS THREE'S SHEN AN LU!
YOU MUST MEET ME OFTEN!
Our school's traditional music's most decent beauty, Senior An Lu...
THIS.
is such an interesting person.
OH YEAH, YOU LIN! AS THE FUTURE PRESIDENT
YOUR FIRST MISSION IS TO CONVINCE THAT GUY TO WORK WITH ALEX!
EH?
WHO CARES...?

Need...more...staff...

ESTHETIQUE NEEDS YOU TO HELP SAVE THIS CUTE LITTLE FELLA! DO YOU THINK DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

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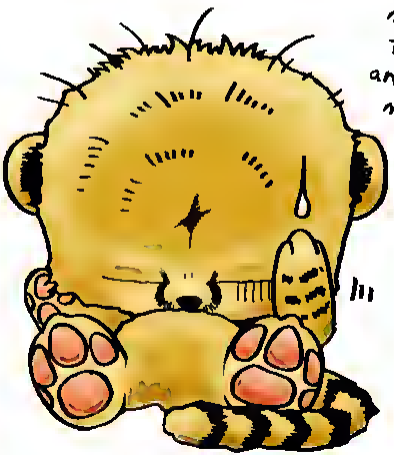

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Chapter 7
girls are hard to
understand

WOW...
SO THIS IS KEELIN SENIOR HIGH'S JUDO CLUB?
AN LU XUE JIE?
HEY YOU LIN!

Because of the Judo competition, we are practicing on Saturday too...
But suddenly she showed up.
I'M LEAVING NOW
PULL!
DON'T RUSH!
STAY A LITTLE BIT LONGER!
SO THIS IS WHAT THE JUDO DOJO LOOKS LIKE...
IT HAS A MAN'S STINKY SWEAT SMELL
POOR YOU LIN HAS TO PRACTICE HERE.
XUE JIE...

ISN'T THAT A GIRL? WHY CAN SHE BE HERE?
HEY! OTHER THAN YOU LIN, GIRLS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN HERE...
LIAR
HE'S A GUY!
LOOK CAREFULLY!
Why is it like this...
XIAO RUI! TAKE IT OFF AND LET HER HAVE A LOOK!
NO WAY!
SO SHE'S A FLAT-BREASTED GIRL...
What?

This is An Lu Xue Jie.
A student from our school's class three of traditional music.
ANYWAY, I DON'T FEEL LIKE LOOKING.
I heard that she's an elegant genius in Er Hu
She's always competing, and even has an album.
She set up a society club for the singer Alex.
and wants me to be the next president.
She gave me my first task...
and that is to convince traditional music genius Yan Ya Qiao...
to work with ALEX.

HEY YAN TONG XUE..
YOU SHOULD CONSIDER WORKING WITH ALEX!
YOU TWO COULD BE THE NEXT BIG THING!
NON STOP GETTING MORE AND MORE EXCITED
THEN YOU WILL BECOME AN IDOL JUST LIKE ALEX..
AND BECOME FAMOUS ALL OVER ASIA, OR EVEN WORLDWIDE..
AND THEN, IF SOME COMPANY SPOTTED YOU,
YOU MIGHT EVEN DEBUT AS A SINGER!

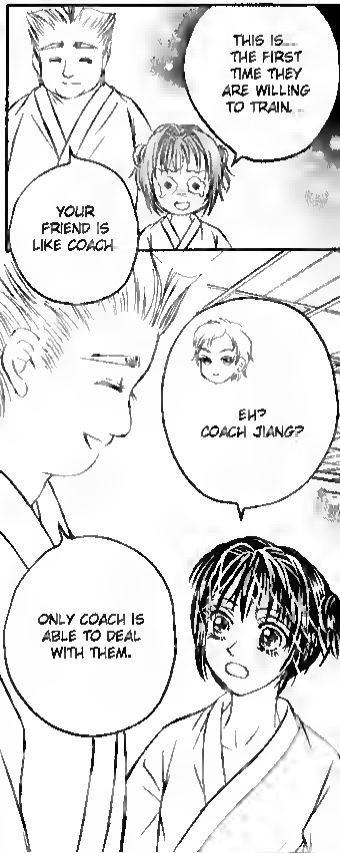
GIRLS ARE HARD TO UNDERSTAND.
.....
DO YOU LIKE THE SINGER ALEX?
EH?
SHINY!
OF COURSE! ALL GIRLS LOVE HIM!
YOU GUYS ARE ENTERING THE COMPETITION?!
EVEN I CAN SEE THAT YOU WON'T WIN.
A FAT GUY, WHIMPY GUY, AND THE RIFFRAFF BROTHERS. HOW COULD YOU POSSIBLY WIN?
STOP WASTING YOU LIN'S TIME!
Fat? Me?
THIS WOMAN...

HEY..
OH REALLY? FIGHTING IS ONE OF THE CUSTOMS THAT HAS BEEN PASSED DOWN FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION IN MY FAMILY
BRING IT! SHOW ME WHAT YOU'VE GOT!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN RIFFRAFF BROTHERS
DON'T THINK THAT WE'LL GO EASY ON YOU JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE A GIRL
DAMN IT!
THAT'S ALL YOU'VE GOT?
BUT
I'M LEAVING.
Yan Ya Qiao...

I don't even know Judo
CHEATER!
IN JUDO CLASS, ONLY JUDO'S ALLOWED!
HOW'S THAT?
JUST ADMIT YOUR LOSS!
Eh?
IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR CALLING THIS STRANGE WOMAN HERE.
WE WANT TO GO HOME.
I... It was so hard to convince them to come back and train on Saturday...
RUNNING AWAY WITH YOUR TAILS BETWEEN YOUR LEGS?
YOU SURE ARE SOME USELESS RIFFRAFF.
I THOUGHT JUDO GUYS WOULDN'T GIVE UP SO EASILY.
Useless riffraff...

An Lu xue jie...
She is a good leader...
Amazing...
Elegant ?
But .. with this kind of personality how can she be the traditional music "elegant" beauty?

WE'RE GOING TO DO SOME WARM-UP EXERCISES!

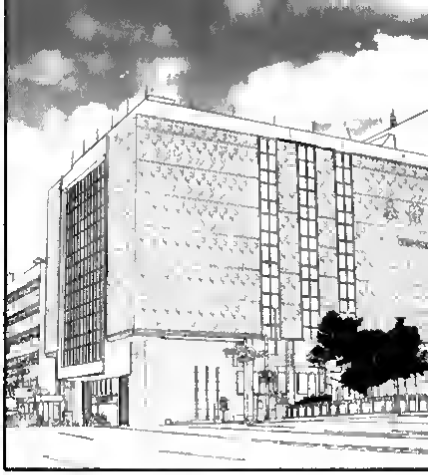

THIS IS... THE FIRST TIME THEY ARE WILLING TO TRAIN.
YOUR FRIEND IS LIKE COACH
EH? COACH JIANG?
ONLY COACH IS ABLE TO DEAL WITH THEM.

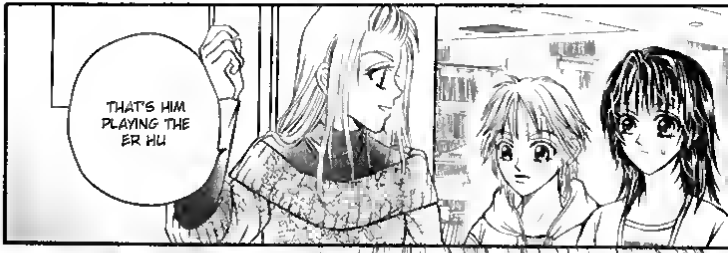
THAT'S BECAUSE ALEX AND I ARE FROM THE SAME COMPANY,
SO I GET TO KNOW ABOUT THESE THINGS, AND EVEN SEE HIM IN PERSON!
HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT ALEX WANTS TO WORK WITH YAN YA QIAO?
DO REGULAR FANS KNOW ABOUT THIS?
I'm jealous...
Seeing Alex in person...
IF YOU AGREE TO BE THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY,
I CAN ARRANGE A MEETING FOR YOU WITH ALEX!

I STARTED LEARNING ER HU WHEN I WAS YOUNG THAT WAS MY FATHER'S IDEA
I DON'T ACTUALLY HAVE MUCH INTEREST IN IT.
THE REASON I WENT TO THAT COMPANY WAS TO SEE HIM
REALLY?
So she was forced ...
MOST OF MY FAMILY MEMBERS ARE THE ROUGH TYPE.
SO MY DAD HOPED THAT I WOULD BE MORE ELEGANT.
OH YEAH! HEARD THAT SHE'S FROM A GANGSTER FAMILY..
IN THE END, AFTER GOING TO COMPETITIONS, I JUST GOT THOSE AWARDS ACCIDENTALLY.
There's always those kinds of people.
BUT YA QIAO IS DIFFERENT FROM ME
HE'S REALLY SERIOUS WHEN IT COMES TO TRADITIONAL MUSIC. BESIDES, HE'S TALENTED.
THIS PARTNERING IS A VERY GOOD CHANCE FOR HIM.

That's right, I've heard Yan Ya Qiao's pieces...
If he were to debut, it would be wonderful!
IF THE PARTNERING SUCCEEDS, YA QIAO WILL BECOME WELL KNOWN.
HE MIGHT EVEN DEBUT ALBUMS HE COMPOSED HIMSELF.
SO LET'S GO CONVINCE THAT GUY RIGHT NOW!
NOW?
YOU LIN XUE JIE!
I WANT TO GO TOO.
IF IT'S ALL RIGHT...
XIAO RUI?

THIS PLACE IS WHERE WE PRACTICE DURING COMPETITIONS.
YAN YA QIAO IS DEFINITELY HERE.




THAT'S HIM PLAYING THE ER HU

It's the same piece I heard that day.
I heard it...

YAN YA QIAO, YOU'VE GOT GUESTS!
He must be seriously...
absorbed in his own playing...
LET US WATCH YOU PRACTICE!
WE

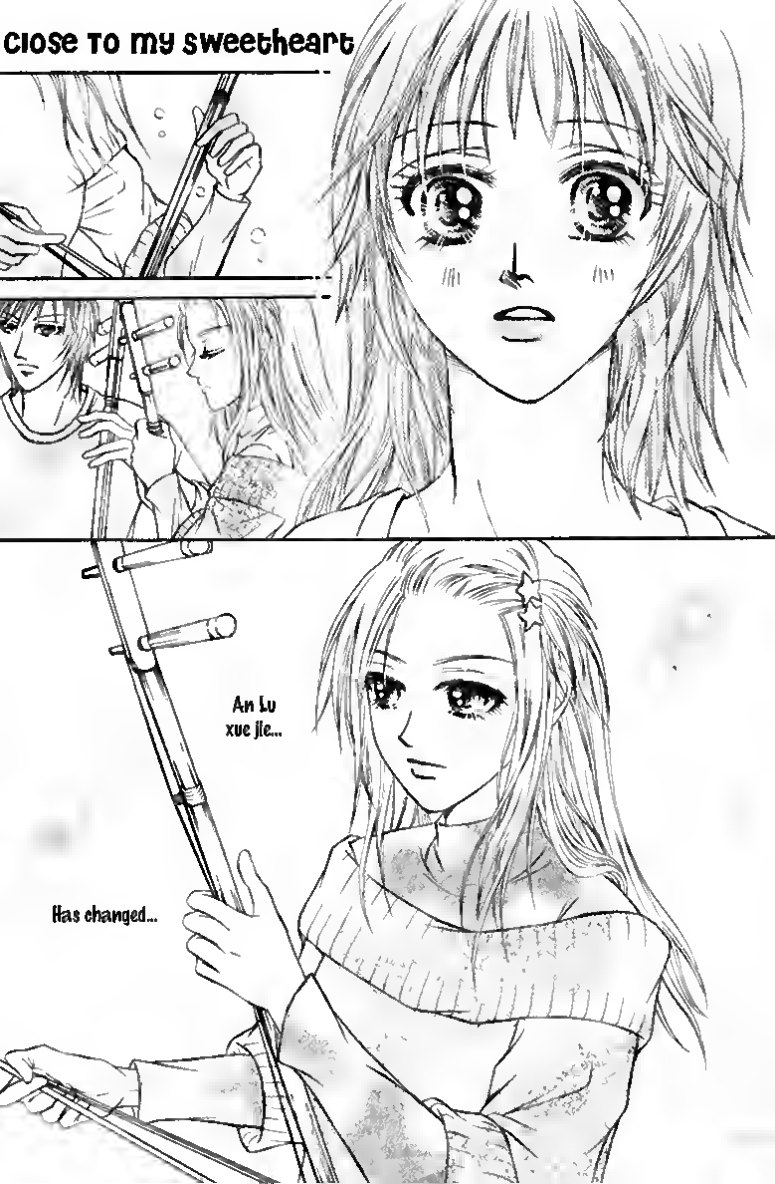
GEEZ... WHY IS HE SO SHY?
BANG!
There are a lot of tip-tap sounds.
I don't think he's being shy.
WELL... IF HE'S BEING LIKE THAT...

BANG!
THIS IS MY PRACTICE ROOM.
YOU DIDN'T FORGET THAT, DID YOU?
I WON'T AGREE..
TO WORK WITH THAT IDOL.

I WANT TO JOIN A PROFESSIONAL TRADITIONAL GROUP,
NOT PLAY WITH AN IDOL
IT'S NOT GOING TO KILL YOU!
YOU'RE SO SELFISH!
PERHAPS YOU MIGHT FIND SOME NEW INSPIRATION.
AND COMPOSE A LOT MORE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC!
SO WE CAME TO FIND YOU. WHY DON'T YOU JUST GIVE IT A TRY!
IT'S BECAUSE WE ADMIRED YOUR ABILITY,
IT'S NOT JUST PLAYING TOGETHER...

WELL...
YOU HAVEN'T TOLD THEM YET?
THE SINGER ALEX THAT YOU GUYS ARE TALKING ABOUT...
HE IS HER BOYFRIEND (So she has to avoid working with him.)
WEAKNESSES... (Did you have to say that.)
BESIDES, YOU MIGHT EVEN FIND SOME NEW WEAKNESSES, AND IMPROVE!
BUT I HAVE A QUESTION...
IF YOU NEEDED AN ER HU ACCOMPANIMENT, WHY NOT ASK AN LU XUE JIE?
DON'T BE SO ANGRY!
YOU HAVE TO APOLOGIZE TO US FANS!
YOU ACTUALLY GET TO BE SO CLOSE, AND USE THE TITLE OF PRESIDENT!
I said that the person she likes will not escape her clutches
SO THAT'S WHY...

ALL THE PEOPLE SHE KNOWS ARE WEIRDOES,
THERE'S NO NEED TO CARE ABOUT THAT SINGER!
Disappointed Sigh
THESE ARE TWO DIFFERENT MATTERS!
ALEX IS NOT SOME WEIRDO!
I'm trying to comfort you
HERE.
THIS IS THE MUSIC YOU WOULD BE PLAYING
LET'S GIVE IT A TRY AND YOU CAN DECIDE LATER!


An Lu
xue jie...
Has changed...

Just like a totally different person...
Even Yan Ya Qiao looks at her differently...
So mature...
A beautiful and classical elegance...
Such a wonderful combination...
What a perfect melody...

They...
are just like people from another world.
I don't know how to play any instruments...
So I really envy them.

IT'S EXCELLENT! I LOVE IT!
IS IT NICE?
YOU LIN... YOU LIN!
AH!
IT HAS A CONTEMPORARY BEAT AND YET IT HAS A TRADITIONAL FEEL TO IT...
IT'S PERFECT!
THAT WAS SPECIALLY COMPOSED.
PUTTING ER HU INTO CONTEMPORARY MUSIC...
AND WITH ALEX'S VOICE, IT WILL SOUND EVEN MORE UNIQUE

YAN TONG XUE, YOU MUST DEFINITELY JOIN IN!
THEN A LOT OF PEOPLE WILL LIKE YOU!
AND YOU MIGHT EVEN HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEBUT!
THIS WILL DEFINITELY BE WELL RECEIVED
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT!
THAT'S ENOUGH!
EH?

YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT TRADITIONAL MUSIC!
IT JUST SOUNDED NICE AND YOU THINK IT'S GREAT
I AM NOT A MEMBER OF YOUR JUDO CLUB
I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP.

I'M SORRY, YAN TONG XUE..
THAT'S RIGHT..
I LOVE THIS PIECE TOO MUCH.
I AM GOING BACK TO THE JUDO CLUB
WITHOUT THINKING,
I AM FORCING YOU AGAIN.
XUE JIE!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
ALL THE PEOPLE I KNOW ARE WEIRDOES.
Especially you.
YOU'RE RIGHT...
YOU LIN JUST THINKS THAT YOU SHOULD JOIN ALEX.
BUT YOU HAVE TO GO AND HURT HER
SHE WAS ONLY CAUGHT UP IN THE MOMENT!
Just like helping with the judo club.
YOU DON'T EVEN CARE ABOUT THE GIRLFRIEND!
SO YOU'RE JEALOUS!
WHO'S JEALOUS?
BESIDES, SHE ONLY CARES ABOUT ALEX.

What I said just now..
will hurt her?
I just didn't want her to interfere with my choices ...
Geez...
GIRLS...
ARE HARD TO UNDERSTAND...

That girl's feelings...
are easy to understand!
I don't need your help!
I thought...
that I was already used to the way he talks...

Honestly...

Yan Ya Qiao's right..

I shouldn't interfere with this matter...

Looking at their high standard of performing...

Just by using eye contact, they are able to communicate...

I simply don't understand anything about it.

Those words let me realize...

The distance between Yan Ya Qiao and I...

Is farther than I thought...

YOU LIN XUE JIE!

XIAO RUI!

IT'S OBVIOUS THAT YOU DIDN'T NOTICE ME...
CAUSE THERE'S ONLY YAN YA QIAO XUE ZHANG TO YOU.
SORRY! I FORGOT ALL ABOUT YOU.
XIAO RUI!
I'M AWARE THAT YOU THINK OF ME AS YOUR KOHAI* IN JUDO
A MEMBER OF THE JUDO CLUB IN KEELIN...
BUT I DON'T THINK OF YOU THAT WAY
ONCE XUE ZHANG APPEARS...
YOU NEVER LOOK AWAY.

*KOHAI = STUDENT WITH LESS MARTIAL ART'S EXPERIENCE.

I WANT TO BECOME A PROFESSIONAL IN JUDO WHO'S COMPATIBLE WITH XUE JIE
THOUGH I'M NOT AS GOOD AS YOU IN JUDO...
I WILL DEFINITELY WORK HARD TO IMPROVE!
SO..
YOU LIN XUE JIE...

COULD YOU PLEASE GO OUT WITH ME?

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Chapter 8
The Power of Love

HOW ABOUT GOING OUT WITH ME?
YOU LIN XUE JIE...
Xiao Rui...

I don't feel surprised at all.
But...
Though I don't dislike Xiao Rui...
This is the first time...
a guy has confessed to me...
as a member of the Judo club...
When facing Xiao Rui, I could only think of him...
I...

I GUESS IT'S A BIT RASH?
XUE JIE IS BOTHERED ABOUT...
THAT'S NOT IT!
BECAUSE THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SOMEONE HAS SAID SOMETHING LIKE THIS TO ME...
If I reject him...
He'll be disappointed, right?
XUE JIE... ARE YOU GOING TO REJECT ME?
If I reject him, he might...
NO...
I can't say it.

YAY!
XIAO RUI!
IF XUE JIE DIDN'T TURN ME DOWN,
THEN I STILL STAND A CHANCE!
I'M SO HAPPY!
I'LL DO MY BEST!
Looking at how happy Xiao Rui is...
This must be how one feels when you like someone!

I don't hate Xiao Rui...
Can it be the reason for me to accept Xiao Rui?
KeeLin
School
Society Club Time
HI EVERYONE...
FETCH ME?
BUT I THOUGHT I WOULD COME AND CLEAN UP THE JUDO CLASSROOM FIRST
I WANTED TO GO TO YOUR CLASS TO FETCH YOU!
XUE JIE!

It's not a surprise to be holding hands.
But...
If I agree to go out with Xiao Rui...
THIS...
THAT...
YOU GUYS ARE LA...
HOW DARE YOU GUYS COME LATE!
THIS WILL AFFECT OUR PRACTICE!
THE COMPETITION IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

WAIT!
STOP IT, XUE ZHANG!
XUE ZHANG, YOU HAVE TO BALANCE YOURSELF!
YES!
EH?
XUE ZHANG, YOU CAN'T TOUCH XUE JIE LIKE THAT!
HAVE YOU EATEN SOMETHING WRONG TODAY?
DON'T BE LAZY! HURRY UP AND PRACTICE!
YOUR WAIST HAS TO GO DOWN MORE WHEN YOU'RE DOING THE WARM-UPS!
DON'T TROUBLE XUE JIE!
XIAO RUI

I HOPE THAT XUE JIE WILL BECOME MY GIRLFRIEND!
I WANT TO DATE XUE JIE!
I THOUGHT I SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR TO EVERYONE!
SO... I HOPE THAT ALL OF YOU WOULD UNDERSTAND HOW I FEEL!
WHAT?
Xiao Rui!

THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY, CLASS DISMISSED!
BYE, YOU LIN!
SEE YOU GUYS TOMORROW!
YOU LIN XUE JIE!
I'M HERE TO GET YOU!
LET'S GO HOME TOGETHER!

IF I'M IN THE SAME SCHOOL AS MY GIRL-FRIEND,
I'M SURE THERE WILL BE A LOT OF PEOPLE JEALOUS OF ME!
BECAUSE THIS IS STILL AN ALL-BOYS SCHOOL!
TO BE ABLE TO MEET XUE JIE...
EVERY NOW AND THEN, I NEVER STOP THINKING OF GOING TO JUDO CLUB...
AS FOR THE COMPETITION... I WANT TO WIN NO MATTER WHAT!
NO DOUBT THE POWER OF LOVE IS AMAZING,
AND I MIGHT EVEN BE A CHAMPION!

LET'S GO! XUE JIE!
EH?
XIAO RUI! LET'S GO AND PLAY!
CLANK
I HAVE A GIRLFRIEND WHOM I LIKE RIGHT NOW,
I DON'T WANT TO BE WITH YOU GUYS!
That... that's Xiao Rui? Just now that glare...
The girlfriend he said...
Is the loneliness from Kaolao?
YEAH THAT KID
REALLY LIKES YOU LIN!
A MEMBER OF THE JUDO CLUB?

COME ON...
JUST RELAX!
Parents
Younger
JUST LEAVE THE SIGNING OF THE CONTRACTS TO THE OTHERS!
SINCE XIAO LI KEPT RECOMMENDING YOU, YOU MUST BE REALLY AMAZING!

TO PREVENT ANY UNNECESSARY ISSUES, YOU CAN ONLY PLAY AS A BACKGROUND ACCOMPANIMENT...
IT'S OKAY, I'M WILLING TO BE "THE BACKSTAGE WOMAN" FOR YOU.
YOU MUST REMEMBER THAT EVERY NOW AND THEN, WHEN I SING THIS SONG, YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE WHOM I AM THINKING OF!
OF COURSE I KNOW. I KNOW THAT YOU LOVE ME THE MOST!
Why girls...
like someone like this...
OH, YEAH!
HAVE YOU TOLD YOU LIN ABOUT US WORKING TOGETHER?
WHY DO I HAVE TO LET HER KNOW? IT'S NONE OF HER BUSINESS
YEAH! IT'S THAT GIRL XIAO LU SAID!
SHE'S GOING TO BE THE PRESIDENT OF MY FAN CLUB?

OOH
THIS MATTER DOESN'T CONCERN HER!
BECAUSE OF HER, YAN YA QIAO AGREED TO WORK WITH ME! I HOPE TO MEET HER!
UM, I'LL ARRANGE THAT,
SHE'S SUITED TO BE THE PRESIDENT!
THOUGH YOU'RE A TRADITIONAL MUSIC GENIUS, YOU'RE STILL AN UNDERAGE KID!
HA HA HA! THAT KIND OF REACTION IS JUST SO CUTE!
It's all because of that really messy girl!
Why... did I agree to work with this kind of person...
(Obviously there's a relationship)

SO HOW'S YOUR BUSINESS WITH THE COMPANY?
OVER HERE!
YAN YA QIAO!
EVERYTHING'S DONE. LET'S GO!
THE MOVIE'S STARTING SOON
SO HAVE YOU TOLD YOU LIN?
NO NEED FOR THAT!
Why does everyone keep wanting me to tell her?
REALLY?
BUT YOU LIN DOESN'T HAVE TIME TO CARE ABOUT YOUR STUFF...
AFTER ALL, SHE NOW HAS A LITTLE BOYFRIEND STICKING TO HER!

THE SOCIETY CLUB MANAGEMENT HAS FINALLY AGREED TO LET US REPRESENT THE SCHOOL AT THE COMPETITION!
MORNING EVERYONE!
JUST YOU AND XIAO RUI TRAINING WILL DO,
DON'T WORRY ABOUT US.
YOU GUYS ...
XUE ZHANG LET'S BEGIN OUR TRAINING...
I'LL TRAIN ON MY OWN TODAY.
Have to practice more!
HELLO! MY LITTLE LAMBS!
What's wrong...

COACH?
EVERYONE'S OKAY!
SEVEN GOLD MEDALS?
FOR THIS YEAR'S COMPETITION WE GOT A TOTAL OF SEVEN GOLD MEDALS
THERE ISN'T ANY COACH THAT DISAPPEARS FOR SUCH A LONG TIME!
THAT'S BECAUSE I'VE BEEN TAKING THE TAE KWON DO MEMBERS TO COMPETITIONS!
PLEASE DON'T SAY THAT!
IT'S OBVIOUS THAT THE JUDO CLUB IS GOING TO CLOSE DOWN!!
ACTUALLY YOU'RE JUST HERE TO SHOW OFF!

IT'S BEEN A WHILE!
XIAO RUI HAS BECOME SO DILIGENT?
YOU EVEN PREPARED REFRESHMENTS FOR EVERYONE?
THIS IS SPECIALLY MADE FOR YOU LIN XUE JIE
THIS IS JUST A PIECE OF MY HEART!
A PIECE OF YOUR HEART?
WHY IS THERE A MISSING LITTLE LAMB?
COACH!
XIAO RUI HE'S...

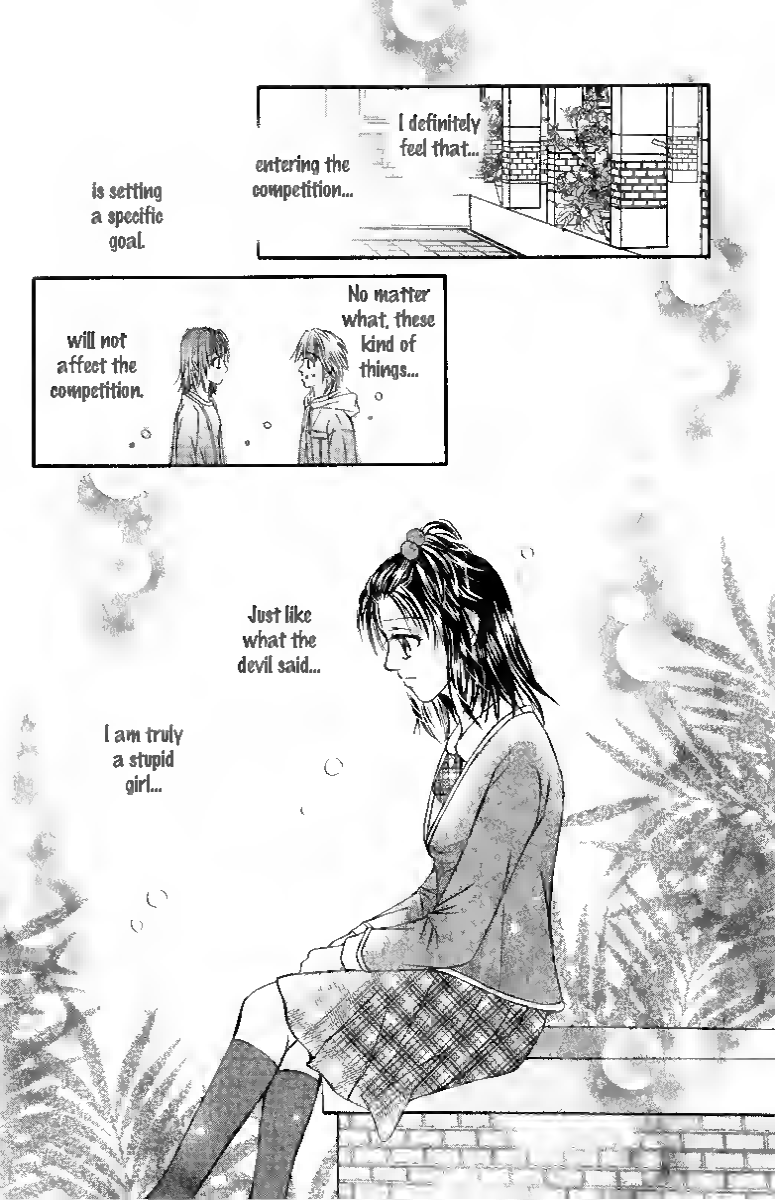
XIAO RUI...
THIS IS TO SHOW MY GRATITUDE TO XUE JIE FOR HER ENCOURAGEMENTS!
I WILL DO MY BEST IN THIS COMPETITION.
AND MAKE XUE JIE PROUD OF ME!
SO IT SEEMS YOU'VE IMPROVED QUITE A LOT!
YOU USED TO BE THE WORST!
YOU LIN, GIVE ME THE FORM FOR THE COMPETITION!
YES!

I...
I WON'T FURTHER QUESTION ABOUT STUDENTS' RELATIONSHIPS
BUT DID YOU AGREE TO GO OUT WITH XIAO RUI?
BECAUSE XIAO RUI LIKES YOU,
SO HE'LL PERFORM WELL IN THE COMPETITION FOR YOU.
AND IF YOU REJECT HIM IMMEDIATELY, HE MIGHT NOT PAY ATTENTION TO THE COMPETITION?
I DIDN'T REJECT HIM...
I THOUGHT...
YOU PLANNED TO TELL HIM AFTER THE COMPETITION!

IN THE END YOU ARE STILL A PARTICIPANT OF THE COMPETITION
In order to win the competition..
Getting the weight right, accepting various tough training.
Putting the championship before everything.
It's a must for the participants.
I REALLY HOPE THAT YOU WILL GET YOUR INTEREST BACK IN JUDO,
AND NOT DOING SOMETHING AGAINST YOUR HEART FOR THE COMPETITION.
But the members of Keelin Judo club,
are not even up to that standard.
They can only continue with an interest in Judo.

AS THE KEELIN COACH...
I REQUEST YOU TO LEAVE THE JUDO CLUB FOR THE MOMENT...
HONESTLY SPEAKING...
I'M REALLY DISAPPOINTED.

YOU LIN, SHE'S...
I WANT HER TO LEAVE OUR JUDO CLUB FOR NOW.
EH?
WHY?


I definitely feel that...
entering the competition...
is setting a specific goal.
No matter what, these kind of things...
will not affect the competition.
Just like what the devil said...
I am truly a stupid girl...

I must definitely apologize to Xiao Rui.

Before I leave KeeLin High...

I shouldn't have lied to him.

Even if I was worried about upsetting Xiao Rui...

I AM NOT HERE TO CHASE YOU AWAY!
I JUST GOT CHASED OUT BY THE JUDO CLUB...
AND YOU'RE NOT GOING TO CHASE ME BACK TO KEELEE...
So nasty
Yan Ya Qiao?
EH?
BECAUSE I AM WORKING WITH ALEX, THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS TO BE DONE
I AM HERE TO GET PERMISSION FROM SCHOOL TO JOIN SOME OUTSIDE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
BECAUSE I MAY HAVE TO MISS SOME CLASSES

I'M ALSO HAPPY FOR YOU!
I LIKE YOUR PERFOR-MANCE!
YOU'VE AGREED TO WORK WITH ALEX?
GO ON AND BE HAPPY, YOU CRAZY FAN!
HMPH
THIS KIND OF ACCOMPANIMENT ISN'T A PERFOR-MANCE AT ALL!
YOU WILL DEFINITELY BE REALLY WELL RECEIVED!
Not this again
AND ..
AT LEAST THERE'S SOMETHING THAT I'M RELIEVED ABOUT ..
AFTER ALL, I DID AT LEAST HELP XUE JIE

Eh?
YOU'RE ALWAYS WORRYING ABOUT THINGS THAT DON'T CONCERN YOU AT ALL
DON'T YOU FIND IT STRANGE?
ALWAYS TAKING THE BURDEN OF EVERYTHING,
AND CONFUSED ABOUT WHICH THINGS ARE MORE IMPORTANT!
So...
You only care about how others feel...
"PUTTING EVERYTHING ELSE BEFORE THE CHAMPIONSHIP"
"BECAUSE YOU'RE ALSO A PARTICIPANT"
have been neglected...
And your true feelings...

Without realizing...
A feeling of sadness overwhelmed me...
HEY!
WHY'RE YOU CRYING!
Is it because of me again?
SORRY... I JUST...
NEVER THOUGHT OF SOMETHING LIKE THIS

I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED AT THE JUDO CLUB
BUT IF YOU WANT A NEW POSSIBILITY, THERE WILL BE NEW CHALLENGES.
YOU'LL HAVE TO FACE THEM.
Yan Ya Qiao...
THOSE WORDS WEREN'T SAID TO MAKE YOU CRY!
GIRLS ARE REALLY WEIRD!
He didn't say that to comfort me...
BUT BEING ABLE TO BEAR WITH IT UNTIL NOW, IS REALLY REMARKABLE.

BUT IF NOT FOR YOU...
I WILL SURELY NOT WORK WITH THAT SINGER
THOUGH. THIS IS MY OWN DECISION
SO . I'VE EDITED SOME PARTS OF IT, AND HOPE THAT YOU WILL COME AND HEAR IT!
BECAUSE IT'S MEANT FOR THOSE WHO KNOW NOTHING ABOUT IT!
IT WOULD BE BEST TO LET THIS KIND OF STUPID FAN LISTEN TO IT FIRST!
There isn't any word that he said that would make others smile
This person.. is a really poison-tongued devil...
WHO'S THE STUPID FAN.
LET'S GO!

But... I finally understood...
When you're in love...
It's not only a happy type of feeling like how Xiao Rui feels...
Liking a person...
is that kind of bittersweet feeling...
that kept appearing unexpectedly...

Realizing my own feelings...
The truth is that...
I really do like...
this person.

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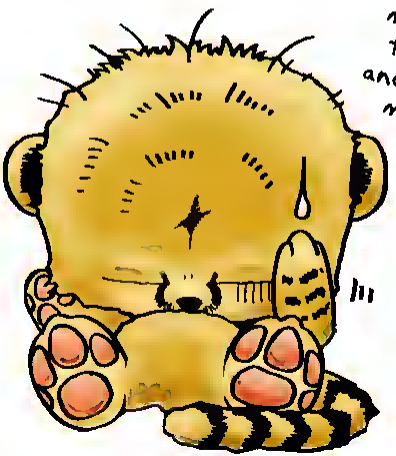

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chapter 9
A new force

Yan Ya Qiao...
is a poison-tongued devil.
But...
I still love this person.

Because of Xiao Rui's "ease,"
I'm not allowed to go to Judo club.
高級中學
High School
Because I didn't go to Judo club,
I didn't stop the exchange program.
I didn't go back to my school for lessons,
YOU SAID YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO TALK TO ME ABOUT?
I'm not sure...
what's happening over there.

I've already cut down on my lunch which was originally three lunchboxes to two, and still nothing?
Didn't slim down?
I DON'T THINK YOU HAVE SLIMMED DOWN, HAVE YOU?
IF YOU REALLY WANT TO ENTER THE COMPETITION, YOU'LL NEED TO SLIM DOWN
YOU WANT HER TO CONTINUE TO HELP ALL OF YOU FOR THE COMPETITION?
THIS... YOU LIN
IF SHE'S HERE YOU GUYS WILL WORK EVEN HARDER?
YEAH...
YES...
YOU WANT HER TO COME BACK?
Ah Zhong Xue Zhang K.O.
JUST ADMIT THAT YOU'RE OLD AND YOU STILL THINK OF THIS KIND OF METHOD.
YOU'RE AFRAID THAT THIS YOUNG AND PRETTY LADY WILL SNATCH AWAY YOUR PLACE, RIGHT?
YOU OLD HAG!
STILL HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL...
YOU GUYS...

Don't know definitely not Judo.
What was that technique that she used?
The Twins K.O...
really seriously injured...
WHAT YOUNG AND PRETTY LADY?!
YOU GUYS TREAT THIS PLACE LIKE A HOTEL, STILL THINKING OF TURNING IT INTO A BAR?
FINALLY, IS IT YOUR TURN?
COULD YOU PLEASE MAKE IT CLEAR WHY YOU LIN XUE JIE IS NOT ALLOWED TO COME?

BECAUSE I DISLIKE YOUNG AND PRETTY LADIES
YOU USED TO ONLY SERVE ME...
I WAS THE ONLY ONE IN YOUR HEART
BUT NOW, YOU HAVE SOMEONE YOU LIKE
COACH!
I KNOW THAT YOU LIKE YOU LIN.
BUT WHAT'S THE REAL REASON FOR YOU GUYS TO WORK HARD TO ENTER THE COMPETITION?
IS IT ONLY BECAUSE OF HER?
IF YOU WORK HARD BECAUSE OF YOU LIN,
THEN WHAT ABOUT THE OTHERS?

WE HAVE TO WIN A MEDAL SO THAT THIS CLUB WON'T BE DISMISSED!
WE DIDN'T HAVE XUE JIE WITH US BEFORE, WE WERE ALSO WORKING HARD!
EVEN IF YOU LIN XUE JIE CAN'T COME TO THE JUDO CLUB,
WE'LL STILL BE ENTERING THE COMPETITION!
BEFORE WHEN YOU LIN WASN'T HERE I WAS WAITING TO GRADUATE
WE DID TREAT THIS PLACE LIKE A HOTEL... EATING AND SLEEPING HERE...
THE ONLY ONE WHO SAID THEY WOULD WORK HARD...
WAS YOU

So this is what everybody thinks...
THE FACT THAT YOU LIKE YOU LIN HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH US
WHY DO WE HAVE TO CHANGE?
基林柔道
ON THE JUDO UNIFORM...
THERE'S AN EXTRA JUDO CLUB'S NAME?
And there's my nickname Xiao Shu Rui Kei's drawing
This was specially made for everyone by You Lin Xue Jie...

THOUGH I WANTED TO HAVE XUE JIE ALL TO MYSELF...
SHE TREATS EVERYONE EQUALLY!
PLEASE FORGIVE ME!
I'M SORRY!
THESE ARE THE COMPETITION CLOTHES SHE PREPARED FOR ALL OF US.
NOW...
SHE MUST BE DISAP-POINTED...
XUE JIE.
WE ALL KNOW THAT SHE'S VERY DILIGENT...

Extremely happy
RELAX, EAT SOMETHING!
THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!
Such.. such a shimmering smile.
To be able to be so close and talking to an idol...
is a blissful thing...
THANK YOU!

HEY! GUESS WHO I BROUGHT?
YOU LIN!
SQUEEK
WE WILL BE HAVING A NEW ALBUM RELEASE PRESS CONFERENCE,
SO ALL OF US ARE GATHERED FOR PRAC-TICE
DO COME AND TAKE A LOOK!
THERE'S A SPECIAL GUEST TODAY.
YAN TONG XUE MUST BE FEELING GREAT!

I know...
Yan Ya Qiao doesn't like it when someone's looking at him as he practices.
But the way he plays...
is really charming...
Attracting others to listen...
Oh no! I'm going to be scolded again!

THAT TIME WHEN YOU CRIED!
Ah...
ALL RIGHT?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
IT'S FINE NOW.
YOU WERE RIGHT I SHOULDN'T HAVE WORRIED ABOUT OTHERS PROBLEMS
SO I'VE MADE UP MY MIND TO LEAVE KEELIN JUDO CLUB,
AND GO BACK TO STUDY IN MY SCHOOL

IS THAT TRUE?
XUE JIE'S GOING BACK TO STUDY IN THE GIRLS' SCHOOL..
ARE YOU SERIOUSLY GOING TO QUIT JUDO?
XIAO RUI..
PLEASE THINK ABOUT IT AGAIN!
WE'LL TALK ABOUT IT WITH COACH!
WE NEED XUE JIE!
SQUEEK
Take it outside!

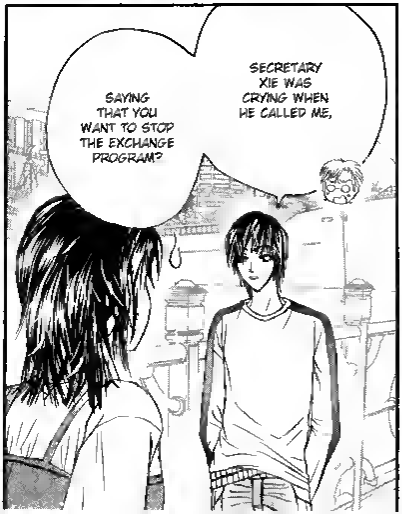
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
SO HE'S THE ONE THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT... THAT LITTLE BOYFRIEND FROM JUDO?
XUE JIE...
AM I TROUBLING YOU?
OF COURSE NOT.
I was brought in by An Lu Xue Jie.

IT'S BOTHERING YOU BECAUSE I LIKE YOU... RIGHT?
XIAO RUI...
ACTUALLY I...
SHOULD BE THE ONE TO APOLOGIZE
XIAO RUI... I CAN'T GO OUT WITH YOU
I'M SORRY... I SHOULD HAVE SAID THIS EARLIER

I KNOW THAT YOU CAN'T BEAR TO SEE ME UPSET
THE TRUTH IS
THAT I SOMEHOW KNEW IT...
XIAO RUI
XUE JIE
AND I'LL MAKE MYSELF BELIEVE THAT NONE OF THIS HAPPENED
BECAUSE LOVE IS ABOUT TWO PEOPLE.
YOU'RE WORRIED THAT I WILL BE UPSET, SO YOU DIDN'T REJECT ME.

BESIDES, BECAUSE OF XUE JIE .
BUT XUE JIE'S WORRYING TOO MUCH
I WON'T GIVE UP ON THE COMPETITION JUST BECAUSE I'M UPSET
I LOVE JUDO MORE THAN EVER!
Though they can't become professionals...
Just keeping the passion for Judo is good enough.
Xiao Rui...

And you yourself...
put the thought of winning above all else.
WE'LL ALL BE WAITING FOR XUE JIE.
DO COME BACK TO THE JUDO CLUB!
BUT COACH SAID...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT OLD HAG!
XUE-D RUI?
EH?
ANYWAY, SEE YOU AT JUDO CLUB NEXT WEEK!



Xiao Rui..

I'm sorry...

Returning to Judo Club...

XIAO HAN SAID THAT EVERYONE'S TREATING YOU LIKE A PRINCESS
REALLY?
PERHAPS I'M WRONG...
THE TRUTH IS THAT YOU REALLY SUIT MY SCHOOL...
WHAT "PRINCE QIAO"... MORE LIKE A SERVANT...
Poor thing..
Even teachers ask me to help...
UNLIKE ME...
Asking me to do this and that everyday...

It's because you're a poison-tongued devil
You seriously don't know the reason?
NEVER SPEAK TO ME AGAIN
MOREOVER, GIRLS WHO HAVE TALKED TO ME...
Eh?
I feel... so happy...
OTHER THAN XIAO LU...
YOU'RE THE FIRST GIRL TO TALK TO ME SO MUCH
That is definitely Xue Jie's style..
I'LL GET BEAT UP IF I DON'T LISTEN...
BESIDES, IF XIAO LU'S TALKING...

OF COURSE!
ME AND ALEX STILL NEED THE STUPID FAN'S HELP!
DIDN'T YOU PROMISE TO HELP?
CAN WE STILL SEE EACH OTHER?
ERM, AFTER I GO BACK TO SCHOOL...
YE, YEAH
It seems that...
he doesn't know what I mean...

His personality...
But...
THAT ALEX DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT.
YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL
Must be something I like about him
WHAT'S SO FUNNY?!
ARE YOU GOING TO SAY THAT I AM LIKE AN OLD FATHER?!

To: Keelee Judo club's members.
Please continue to work hard
You Lin

KeeLee High...
is the only boys' high school in town.
In order to continue my Judo training,
I came here to study.
The Judo Club's members...
Really kind classmates...
I have a new feeling about Judo...

立 基 林 高
tional KeeLin Senior High
Though it's short...
It's enough.

XUE JIE...
DIDN'T SHOW UP...
DID SHE REALLY GO BACK TO KEELIN?
基林柔道
OTHERWISE, SHE WOULDN'T HAVE LEFT THAT CARD!
GUESS SO!
基林柔道

To
Kaelee Judo Club's Members...
Please continue to work hard
You Lan
IF THAT'S THE CASE...
LET'S GO AND FIND HER!
SKIP CLASS?
NOW?
EH?

YOU LIN' YOU'RE REALLY NOT GOING TO KEELEE TO STUDY?
YEAH...
I'VE ALREADY REQUESTED TO STOP THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM
YOU LIN,
SOMEONE GAVE YOU THIS
GOD! THEN THERE WON'T BE PRINCE QIAO?
THEN WHO'S GOING TO HELP US CARRY OUR WORK? AND NOTES, LUNCH-BOXES
Everyone's treating him like a servant.
Looks like what Yan Yi Qiao said is true

This is..
a Judo
uniform...
with KeeLee
Judo's name...
基林柔道

And added each person's symbol...
I sewed the name on everyone's uniforms...
This is for the competition...
And this... was made especially for me by them?
YOU LIN
THOSE KEELEE STUDENTS ARE STILL OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL GATE!
Really..
I'm not entering the competition...
And I'm not a KeeLee student...

Perhaps it's just like what coach said..
Not up to standard, not even a professional level is suitable for me.
But I found myself, liking Judo all over again.
And I'm very happy.

really want
to stay here.
Actually

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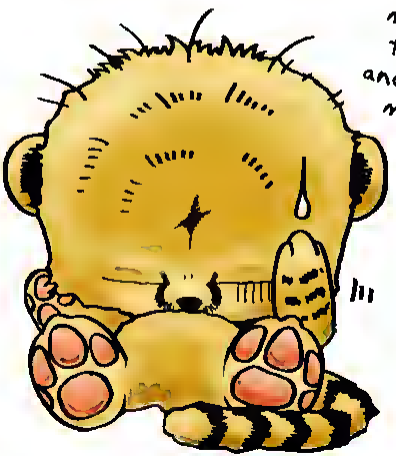

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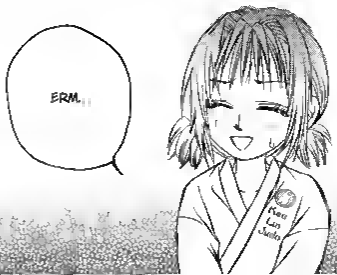
The hate And hated

Kee Lin Judo
BECAUSE XIAO RUI'S FULL NAME IS SHI SHU RUI
AND I KNOW THAT XIAO RUI LIKES SHI RUI KE*...
SO I DREW A SIMILAR ONE FOR XIAO RUI.
THANKS, YOU LIN XUE JIE!
FOR ZHONG XUE ZHANG, I CHOSE A BEAR.
HAHA! IT SUITS ME WELL!
But pa fa xiong** would be better!
IF SO... THE LION THAT'S ON OUR UNIFORMS...
IS IT BECAUSE YOU FEEL THAT IT SUITS US?

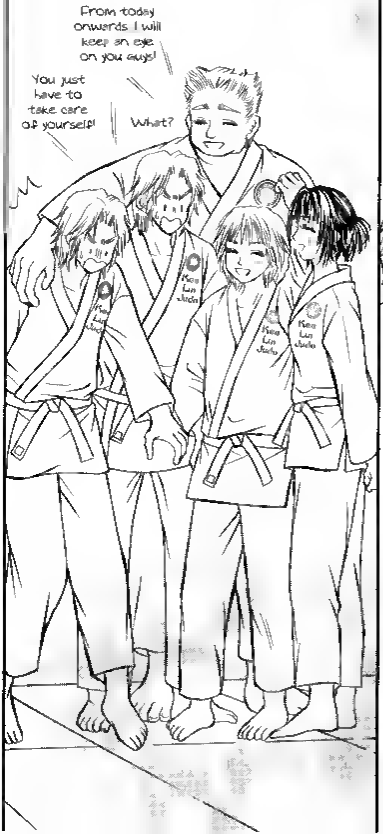
*Shrek from the movie

**It's a kind of soft toy.



Kee Lin Judo
WE HAVE CHARM LIKE LIONS!
LET'S JUST SAY,
YOU HAVE VERY GOOD TASTE!
ACTUALLY,
I JUST THOUGHT THAT YOUR HAIR LOOKS LIKE A LION'S..
BUT... YOU GUYS PREPARED THIS JUDO UNIFORM ESPECIALLY FOR ME...
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
Is it time to cut our hair?
I MADE THE DRAWING!
BECAUSE XUE JIE LIKES RABBITS!
Kee Lin Judo

I feel that I have become one of them...



JUST RELAX AND COME BACK!
COACH JIANG TOOK THE TAKEWANDO CLUB TO THE SOUTH FOR A COMPETITION
So, once again, we are left alone and not taken care of?
We'll see!
Practice?
LET'S HURRY UP AND PRACTICE! WE HAVE TO CATCH UP WITH THE STANDARDS!
Even though I'm not a student of Keelun..
At this moment...
YEAH!

I GUESS THIS IS FOR THE BEST!
I WAS ABLE TO WALK SO NATURALLY WITH XUE JIE!
XIAO RUI...
THAT TIME, I SHOULDN'T HAVE FORCED YOU TO GO OUT WITH ME...
I'M TOO SELFISH
BUT I WAS REALLY HAPPY DURING THAT TIME...
THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I WAS ABLE TO FEEL WHAT LOVE IS...

SO WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO CONFESS?
EH? CONFESS?
YOU LIKE YAN YA QIAO XUE ZHANG, RIGHT?
YOU'VE BEEN ENCOURAGING US, SO THIS TIME, IT'S OUR TURN TO WISH YOU ALL THE BEST!
ERM... Is it OBVIOUS?
THANKS FOR SAYING THAT XIAO RUI!

I KNEW THAT THIS WOULD HAPPEN!
YOU DON'T WANT TO GO BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL!
Secretary Xie already told me about it.
YOU REALLY ARE A KID WHO DOESN'T DO WHAT YOU SAY
THIS ... I'M REALLY SORRY.
I JUST WANTED TO WAIT TILL THE COMPETITION'S OVER.
He's mad!
SINCE EVERYONE DECIDED TO ENTER THE COMPETITION
I HAD REALLY HOPED TO PRACTICE WITH THEM!

REALLY? IS THAT WHAT YOU THINK?
BECAUSE A "NANNY" IS STILL A "NANNY", IT'S NEVER ENDING!
Here he goes again.
YOUR PASSION FOR THEM WON'T JUST DISAPPEAR BECAUSE OF A SMALL MISTAKE.
ACTUALLY.
I HAD ALREADY EXPECTED THIS.
Actually, I've thought about it..
If I go back to my school for lessons, and he's still in our school..
We can get to see each other every-day.
GOOD LUCK TO YOU, XUE JIE!
But now..
I need even more courage!

EH?
YAN YA QIAO TONG XUE! I WANT TO TELL YOU...
TAKE IT!
THIS IS A TICKET FOR THE NEW SONG RELEASE PRESS CONFERENCE
Only one?
THE MANAGER GAVE ME ONE TO INVITE A FRIEND.
ALEX
FORGET IT IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GO!
I WILL DEFINITELY GO!
It's something fans dream of!
A new song release press conference whereby fans will not be able to attend.
ALEX

THEN, WHEN IT'S OUR JUDO COMPETITION,
WILL YOU COME AND WATCH?
I'M NOT INTERESTED.
Immediately rejected
BESIDES, YOU'RE NOT IN THE COMPETITION!
AND THOSE PEOPLE ARE ALL GOING TO LOSE
All going to lose. He actually cursed us
BESIDES, THE SCHOOL WILL BE SENDING CHEER-LEADING TEAMS!
THERE'S NO NEED FOR ME TO GO.
BUT... EVEN IF THERE'S OTHER PEOPLE CHEERING...
IF IT'S YOU...
I'LL BE REALLY HAPPY
YOU LIN!

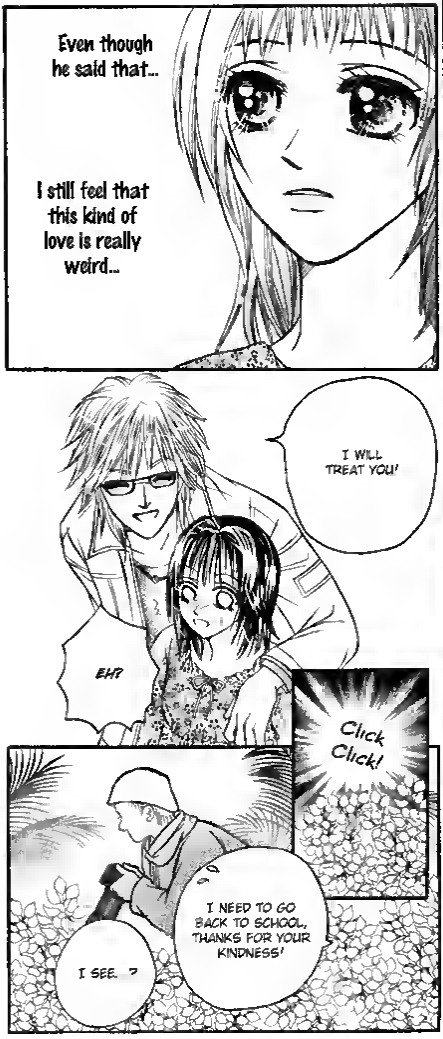
MR. ALEX...
SO YOU'RE HERE.
DIDN'T I ASK YOU TO FIND ME RIGHT AWAY?
I WILL GO! I HAVE A TICKET!
YOU MUST DEFINITELY COME FOR OUR NEW SONG RELEASE PRESS CONFERENCE!
WHAT'S THE USE OF THIS? I WILL ARRANGE A SPECIAL GUEST SEAT FOR YOU!
LET YAN TONG XUE GIVE THIS TO SOME OTHER PERSON!
TAP!
AH!
OH YEAH I CAN GIVE YOU THE POSTER, WHICH HASN'T BEEN RELEASED!
TAP!
REALLY?

He's...
from KeeLin's Judo Club..
HELLO, XUE ZHANG
YAN YA QIAO!
YOU HAVE A GUEST!
atmosphere.
it's not a very friendly...
Obviously..
WHAT?
I'LL DEFINITELY WORK HARD
I WON'T LOSE TO YOU...

NOT ONLY DO I LIKE XUE JIE
I WILL LET XUE JIE LIKE ME AS WELL
SO PLEASE WORK HARD AS WELL
SEE YA.
WHAT IS HE TALKING ABOUT?!

WHAT AN INTERESTING BOY!
ARE YOU TRYING TO MESS THINGS UP?
I'LL BRING HIM HERE AGAIN!
I hate that person...
and I'm being hated by another...
How weird!
Seriously...
just because of Qu You Lin...

MR. ALEX...
JUST ALEX IS FINE!
YOU AND AN LU XUE JIE ARE BOYFRIEND AND GIRLFRIEND, RIGHT?
BUT I HARDLY SEE YOU BOTH TOGETHER...
Even in the office
WE'RE USED TO IT ALREADY...
BESIDES, XIAO LU'S PREPARING FOR HER NEW ALBUM SO SHE WON'T MIND.
FURTHER-MORE...
What has this to do with the new album?


Even though he said that...
I still feel that this kind of love is really weird...
I WILL TREAT YOU!
EH?
Click Click!
I NEED TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL. THANKS FOR YOUR KINDNESS!
I SEE. ?
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS
NOTHING WILL AFFECT US

Warm Welcome
WOW...
THIS IS WHERE WE'LL HAVE OUR TOURNAMENT?
I've come here...
without participating in the tournament...
10th Qu Shi Zhang Hui Judo Competition Hall
This is the first time...

LOOKS PRETTY STRONG.
EVERY-ONE...
PLEASE DON'T SAY THAT. IT'S A TOURNAMENT FOR NOVICES!
DID THE SCHOOL SEND SOMEONE TO CHEER?
NOPE.
IF THERE IS, THEY'LL CHEER FOR THE TAK-EWANDO TEAM
I'm not sure...
Sigh
That's true...
if Yan Ya Qiao will come...

Shi Shu Rui!
Kee Lin Judo
KeeLin High's...
Yan Qing Liang Ji Tournament...
Kee Dong High's Li Duan Xun!
This tournament...
GO XIAO RUI!
DON'T BE NERVOUS, YOU CAN DO THIS!

I have to win!
Just treat it as the usual practice and you will win!
The opponent is just a junior...
This is it!

Bang!
HE SCORED!
NICE MOVE!
ALL THE BEST!
YOU LIN!
KEELIN JUDO CLUB!
WE'RE HERE!

I don't see Yan Ya Qiao...
But...
Everybody came!
THANKS!
WHETHER WE WIN OR NOT, IT'S NOT IMPORTANT!
WE'LL LEAVE IT TO XIAO RUI!
Kee Lin Judo
This is what I feared...
When they think this way...
they won't take it seriously...
NEXT UP FOR THE BOYS TEAM. .
and they lose easily, in the end...
LOSERS.
SIGH –
WE TRIED OUR BEST
NEXT IS AH ZHONG XUE ZHANG!

AND LOOK AT
THAT PERSON...
XUE ZHANG?
IT'S MY FAULT FOR NOT SLIMING DOWN.
AND CAN ONLY ENTER THIS KIND OF COMPETITION...
The match begins!
With such an opponent...
no wonder he wants to withdraw.
Xue Zhang looks like a kid beside him...
Ah!
Xue Zhang couldn't fight back.
With the opponent pressing...
DON'T WORRY GUYS!
EVEN IF I'M THE ONLY ONE LEFT, I WON'T GIVE UP!
YI BEN IS THE WINNER!

JUST HIM ALONE ISN'T POSSIBLE!
OUR FUTURE DEPENDS ON YOU!
GO XIAO RUI!
COACH?
XIAO RUI, HAVE YOU DECIDED TO WIN?
I TOOK THE EXPRESS BACK! I AM YOUR COACH
DIDN'T YOU GO TO THE SOUTH...

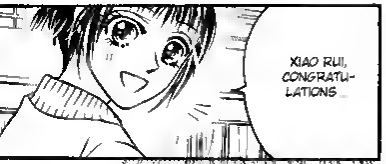
STARE!
BEFORE THAT...
TAKE A LOOK AT THE OPPONENT FIRST!
YES!
I WILL DO MY BEST TO GET INTO THE FINALS!
Even though it's a novice level...
he's definitely 60 kg!
His eyes look fierce...
Novice Boys Group Quarter Final...
Begin!

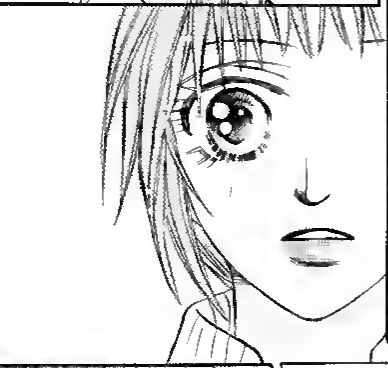
That guy will definitely press you down or attack you
So you must not let him catch you
Kee Lun
Xiao Rui...
Escaping first would be a good idea.
Kee
The opponent has both the physical and energy benefits...
How dare you get away.

and at the same time, try to create a chance to win.
Damn, he keeps running away!
Observe the opponent..
WAZAARI!* GREAT!
Kee Lin Judo

*Wazaari means half point, a Judo scoring term.

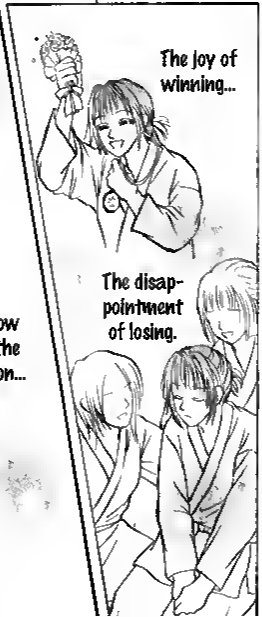
But even I thought Xiao Rui...
wouldn't be able to win.
facing an opponent this strong...
Stop!
The coach..
I thought she was some kind of gangster...
and that Judo must not be a big deal to her.
KeeLin High's, Shi Shu Rui.
The winner is...


XIAO RUI, CONGRATULATIONS...



YOU'RE AWESOME XIAO RUI!
Kee Lin Judo
Kee
LIKE THIS, YOU WILL DEFINITELY GET INTO THE FINALS!

That's how I am at the competition...


The joy of winning...
The disappointment of losing.

It's the girls group competition...

COACH...
So...
WILL YOU PLEASE
I thought I'd give up...
COACH ME?
I really want to...
go for the competition...
but I just can't!
I'M THINK-ING OF...
GOING TO THE COMPETITION AGAIN!

I WANTED TO TELL HIM SOMETHING...
WHY ISN'T YAN YA QIAO HERE?
BOTH THE JUDO CLUB AND YOU LIN ARE AWESOME!
HE SAID HE WOULD COME, BUT DIDN'T TURN UP.
REALLY?

WHAT IS THIS?
YAN YA QIAO?
Pop Star Alex having fun with his young girlfriend!
BIG NEWS!
SPECIAL!
Judo's Beautiful Champion

WHY IS THE PHOTO OF YOU AND QU YOU LIN... PUBLISHED IN THE MAGAZINE?
To Be Continued

Close To my sweetheart
甜心零距離③
Be frank, to you and myself!
Stay tuned for the lovely ending!
Ya Qiao won't accept the pop singer's style of spreading news. Will it affect their work together? You Lin wants to come back for the tournament, but with the sports association people coming down to check KeeLin's Judo practice, and ending it... Both of them will have to come face to face with trouble. Will their life of exchanging schools go on?
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Most likely, nobody remembers their names. Not even their full names were introduced. It's not important who Xiao Dong or Xiao Xi are, since they are completely supporting roles.
These are the Judo twins, Xiao Dong and Xiao Xi.
Close to my Sweetheart Extra
[The red flower has to go with a green leaf]
The fate of the supporting roles
WHY DO I HAVE TO DRAW THEM THIS WEEK, TOO?
And not knowing why, in this story, they appeared quite often.
Really?
AND SLOWLY INCREASE IT INTO TWENTY CHAPTERS AND TURN US INTO HANDSOME PRINCES!
SINCE WE ARE SO IMPORTANT, PLEASE DRAW US CHARMINGLY!
But obviously we didn't do that!
BESIDES ALL I NEED TO DO IS COPY AND PASTE. THEN THERE WILL BE ONE PERSON LESS TO DRAW.
HEH HEH HEH
Actually, we didn't have much thought for these two characters in the first place.
HOW MANY PEOPLE SHOULD BE IN THE JUDO CLUB? LET'S ADD TWINS
SO PLEASE ENJOY THE LAST VOLUME!
WHY IS IT LIKE THIS!
Pasted
Copied
WHA?
It's planned to have only three volumes.
UNLESS YOU GUYS GO FOR SOME PLASTIC SURGERY...
BUT CLOSE TO MY SWEETHEART WILL BE ENDING IN THE NEXT VOLUME

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FROZEN
Rose? Did you hear me?
WOBBLE
Oh, crap!
Kitsune-sama! Are you OK?
BONK!
What could've been so bad as to render all of our admins totally unconcious?
Was it a worldwide shortage of manga? Did Shoujo manga cease to exist?
Oh, no! It was something much more sinister
STAFF SHORT-AGES!
SNAP!
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